SHRI M. A. BABY (Kerala): Madam, with your permission I would also like to associate myself with this Special Mention.

उपसभापति : वित्त मंत्री यहां बैठे हैं, उन्होंने सुन लिया।

कुमारी सईदा खातून (मध्य प्रदेश) : मैं भी स्पेशल मेंशन से एसोसियेट करती हूं, बल्कि सारा सदन सहमत है इससे।

उपसभापति : आप भी एसोसियेट हो गये। आपको भी जोड़ दिया।

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह (बिहार) : महोदया, यह सरकार भी पिछली कांग्रेस की सरकार को उसी राह पर चलकर ऊर्जा की कीमतें बढ़ाती रहती है। यह इस सरकार को तो पहली बार मौका मिला... (व्यवधान)....

उपसभापति : बस बैठ जाइये।

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : महोदया, लेकिन ऊर्जा की कीमत बढ़ेगी... (व्यवधान)...

उपसभापति : कृपया स्थान ग्रहण कीजिये।

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : तो इससे निश्चित तौर पर उत्पादन लागत बढ़ेगी और ट्रांसपोर्टेशन कोस्ट बढ़ेगी तो मूल चीजों की कीमत बढ़ेगी और आदमी की जिंदगी ज्यादा दुखद होगी।

उपसभापति : बजट में बोलियेगा यह बातें विस्तार के साथ।

Request for waiver of customs duty on gold ornaments returnable by Portuguese Bank

SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES (Goa): Madam, through this House I want to draw the attention of the honourable Finance Minister, who happens to be present here, to the problem faced by the Goan people in obtaining back their gold from Portugal.

Madam, prior to the liberation of Goa from the Portuguese, Goans pledged their gold ornaments with the Banco National Ultramarino, to obtain personal loans. Most of these people are from the economically weaker section. Over a period of time, the value of this gold has risen to over Rs. 10 crores, which forms part of our national assets as this gold belongs to Indian nationals. Recently there were reports that the Portuguese Government has agreed to return this gold to the owners by accepting marginal interest. But these owners find it difficult to bring back their personal gold as they have to pay exorbitant customs duty on that and, as a result, some of them are compelled to sell this gold abroad which may also lead to pilferage of precious foreign exchange. This problem can be mitigated if our Government waives customs duty on return of this gold with valic documents. I, therefore, request the Finance Minister to see that customs duty ist waived as a special case and preven pilferage of our precious foreign exchange.

Madam, the honourable Finance Minister is very much present in the House and I hope he will react to this request positively. Thank you.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MADHU DANDAVATE): I am fully in the House!

Need to Ineude Gnjars of Jammu and Kashmir in the list of Schedule Tribes

श्री रामचन्द्र विकल (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उपसभापति महोदया, मैं आपका आभार मानता हूं कि आपने मुझे कश्मीर प्रदेश और गूजरों के संबंध में स्पेशल मेंशन के रूप में उठाने का मौका दिया। जम्मू-